

SCHOLARSHIPS

NAVY HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP) FOR CLINICAL OR COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY



An educational support program for individuals pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology who have a desire to serve in the United States Navy following degree completion.

Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

- HPSP provides financial assistance to students pursuing doctoral degrees (Ph.D. or PsyD) in clinical or counseling psychology in APA-accredited programs.
- **IMPORTANT! All scholarships are three years in length** (years 2, 3, and 4 in most programs). In order to be eligible for HPSP, applicants must be able to complete 3 years as a full-time student on the scholarship before starting the pre-doctoral internship. (For example, scholarship students selected in 2012 will be full-time students in their doctoral programs for three years and start their pre-doctoral internship in 2015. Likewise, those selected in 2013 will be full-time students on scholarship in their doctoral programs for three years. They will start their pre-doctoral internship in 2016, etc.).

➤ **Eligibility**

- **Must be a United States citizen (dual citizenship not permitted).**
- **Less than 42 years of age the time of starting the pre-doctoral internship and superseding to the rank of Lieutenant (0-3) (See “Coming on Active Duty: Superseding” section below).**
- **Must be medically qualified.**
- **Must meet height/weight standards.**
- **Must be able to pass a security background check.**
- **Must be a full time student.**

➤ **Applications:**

- **For guidance on the application process, contact the Head of Student Programs at 301-295-1594; 301-295-1217, oh@med.navy.mil or the National Director, Navy Psychology Training Programs (Dr. Eric Getka) at 301-295-2476 or eric.getka@med.navy.mil.**
- **Students should apply during their first year in graduate school. (Students who have not yet started graduate school should not submit an application).**
- **Interviews conducted as part of the application process should be scheduled in the second half of the first year in order to provide the interviewers with maximum information about the applicant’s graduate school performance up that time. It is in the best interest of the applicant to have both interviews conducted by Navy psychologists or by a Training Director at NMC, Portsmouth, NMC, San Diego or WRNMMC, Bethesda.**
- **Recruiters should not send applications to Navy Recruiting Command before 1 February. The deadline for kits reaching CNRC is 7 April.**
- **Selection of scholarship students takes place annually in May. Receipt of the scholarship is contingent on successfully completing the first year.**

➤ **Benefit Start Date**

- **Benefits start on the later of the following three dates:**
 - **Oath of Office**
 - **HPSP Contract**
 - **Academic Start Date**

- **Example:**

• Oath of Office	21 July 2011
• HPSP Contract	21 July 2011
• Academic Start Date	14 August 2011
• Benefit Start Date is	14 August 2011

- **Tuition is back dated to the start of the semester the student is in.**
- **Stipend starts on the Benefit Start Date.**

➤ **Benefits**

- **Full tuition (no upper limit) paid via contract between Navy and school. (If the student is brought into the program prior to the last day of the term, Navy can pay tuition for the entire term).**
- **Stipend: \$2060.00 per month.**
- **All required fees with some exceptions – (e.g., parking, cap and gown, student union fees, etc.).**
- **All required books and equipment.**
- **Reimbursement for student's health and dental insurance if required by school.**
- **Full pay and allowances of an Ensign (0-1) for 45 per year (Annual Training (AT) (~\$4,500).**
- **1 AT per year of sponsorship/fiscal year.**
- **Travel and per diem paid (if AT is performed in a location other than school; AT can be done at school under "School Orders").**

➤ **HPSP Obligated Service**

- 1 year of active duty not in training for each year of scholarship with a three-year minimum (i.e., scholarship recipients serve three years on active duty after the pre-doctoral internship).

- **Entry Grade Credit (EGC) (OPNAVINST 1120.4)**
 - Scholarship students receive 4 years EGC and start the pre-doc internship as O3's (Lieutenants).
 - Entry Grade Credit determines Date of Rank. It does not impact pay.
 - Calculated by Accessions Office at the time information is sent to PERS for the superceding oath.
 - Prior commissioned service earns EGC at a rate of ½ year for every year of service.

- **Internship:**
 - Scholarship students must apply for the pre-doctoral internship at Naval Medical Center (NMC), Portsmouth, Virginia.
 - Applications for the NMC, Portsmouth internship are due 1 November of the year prior to internship.
 - Results will be released by mid-November.
 - Early results allow students who are not selected to submit an application for the national match. (In the unlikely event that an application for the national match is needed, applicants should place the Navy internship at WRNMMC, Bethesda and NMC, San Diego at the top of their rank-order list).

- **Coming On Active Duty: Orders**
 - Scholarship students attend a 5-week Navy orientation program (Officer Development School [ODS]) during the three years that they are on the scholarship. ODS is a one-time training and can be attended during the first, second, or third year of the scholarship. Students are encouraged to complete this requirement in the first

or second year of the scholarship if possible. ODS must be completed prior to starting internship and there are a limited number of seats in each class.

- Arrangements to attend ODS are made through the Head of Student Programs at 301-295-1594; 301-295-1217, oh@med.navy.mil. Once orders are in hand, students can arrange to have their household goods moved to the Portsmouth area.

➤ **Coming On Active Duty: Superseding**

- Prior to starting the pre-doctoral internship, students supersede from Ensign, Individual Ready Reserve, to Lieutenant, USN.
- Health Records and Service Records maintained by HPSP Accessions Office are sent to the Navy Recruiting District to be given to the student at the time they sign their new oath.
- Students are not eligible for active duty pay until they report to their first active duty assignment as a Lieutenant.

Website and HPSP Handbook have the most up to date info:

<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/navmedmpte/accessions/Pages/default.aspx>